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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...place my standards on anybody else, I will not attempt to do so. But I will discuss the way we function as a Legislature. And there's one other item that I want to mention before this bill goes through. Well, I said I won't mention anything else. On the committee amendments, I will leave them alone so that Senator Wickersham can get his vote. Then the one other comment I want to make about Christmas-treeing, I will make when the bill itself is before us, so people will not lose the thread of what we're actually doing. What we're doing now will be to adopt the committee amendments as amended by Senator Wickersham's wise, I hope, amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no further lights, Senator Wickersham, to close on the committee amendments. Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 306. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, on adoption of committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. Is there any discussion on the advancement of LB 306? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is a bill that most people will see no problem with handling in the way it's being handled. But remember, as we get to the end of the session, how easily this idea of putting a lot of elements into a bill combining a coalition and moving it right through the process, it will happen. And this is just an example of how that is done. It happens in this instance not to be where a lot of different lobbyists representing special interest groups have persuaded the Legislature to do this. But just mark well what it is we're doing this morning and mark well the fact that nobody is distressed about a bill being gutted. The reason I'm not distressed, because I've done it myself. And I'm not one of those who makes use of a process and then will suddenly say that it's tainted if somebody else does it. But there's an article in this morning's paper again about that